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## Daily Biblical Quotation

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The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Psal. 37:23.

My God, the steps of pious men

Are ordered by thy will;

Though they should fall, they rise again,

Thy hand supports them still.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments, for therein do I delight. Psal. 119:35.

There are times when we are almost persuaded to take the devil's part, they lay so many things on him and hurt so many mean stories about him. The latest is that he is behind all this agitation for new laws and a new world.

Now that Governor Robertson has actually gone into the mines and dug coal it's up to Campbell Russell to get into his unimpaired and light out for McAlister or henceforth use the soft pedal on his plan of gubernatorial criticism.

The authorities have been able to find no trace of the Mexicans who made a raid across the border Friday. If the greasers are going to raid the border why in thunder don't they stick around until the authorities get there so the report can be verified?

And now that Jenkins has been released it is reported that someone put up bail for him, vindicating the stand of the Mexican government, and that the gentleman tried to break back into the house now. In the meantime, Washington asserts that Carranza released him because of the diplomatic representations made, while the president asserts that there is nothing in the situation to justify hasty action. Which reminds us that its only three weeks to Christmas which is just a week distant from New Year, and four months later garden peas will be ripe and nobody won't have no troubles now!

OUR EFFICIENCY EXPERTS.

They serve their purpose, of course. But they are so completely certain of themselves that they arouse our suspicion. More than one business has been made so scientifically efficient that it was unable to make sufficient money to pay for all the trials.

What we particularly started out to talk about, though, was the political efficiency expert who is fond of telling how it ought to be done and is impatient of discussion—"talk" they usually call it. Mr. Ralph Adams Cram of the Review staff is one such who is unusually impatient with talk in settling public questions or administering public affairs.

In a recent issue he says:

The world is being talked to death, just as a perfectly good peace was talked to death.

Evolutionally the word should have carried its own warning, "Parliament," a talkshow. What we want is not a parliament but a "factment."

Possibly so; possibly so. It is a seldom that we really want what we profess to want. For instance, Brother Cram is talking about abolishing debate and consultation in the conduct of public affairs in the interest of greater efficiency, but what he is arguing for is a return to uncontrolled absolutism in public affairs.

We have rarely gazed in any of the pastures of history, though we have grazed liberally in most of them, and we recall at the moment no lasting harm that ever befell the true interests of humanity through thorough discussion between those charged with the responsibility of decision, which is difficult to restrain the short moment in any without encountering signs of unshakable destruction brought about by arbitrariness, despotism or hasty decision.

Friend Cram exhibits all the intolerance of youth, though he may be of mature age. Of the peace conference he says:

Trained of hundreds of expert professional soldiers marching to the sound of music and firing at the sight of a flag, he is in his hands and most efficient work, the result of which are now being seen in evidence, what should have been done was to look Marshall Field, J. P. Morgan and J. D. Rockefeller and Cardinal Mercier in the Palace of Versailles, give them good food and better wine, throw a military guard around the palace, disconnect the telephones and allow them to talk in private, to produce terms of peace, with a guarantee that they would be accepted by all the allies without debate, and enforced on the defeated enemy without parties. Had this been done the result would have been a short, sharp, decisive, intelligent, intelligible document, just, honorable and righteous.

That is a daring and presumptuous declaration ably presented, too. The designation of the con-

cluding sentence can only be justified under the rule of the statisticians, that any set of figures stands until disproven by other figures. Since there is no means at hand, or imaginable, for disproving the statement that a certain half dozen men would have in a week and a half concluded a more acceptable peace than a half dozen other men did conclude in a half year, it must be accepted as possible.

But even so, what is the conclusion? Not that the trouble with the other half dozen lay in their talking the peace to death, as the gentleman charges, but in the fact that men first forethought. The other half dozen in the war might have agreed on a better peace treaty in a much shorter time and had it accepted with little delay. We are inclined to believe they would have done so. But that would be attributable to the fact that they are practical men and not troubled with visions or specious theories. Having asked Germany, they would promptly produce the sentence, distribute the rewards, make practical their own safety for the future and adjourn.

But it would be because they did not have in their mind "two men to deal with, one of whom should handle the negotiation of Napoleon, and the other the Messiah."

Talk, useless, unnecessary, meaningless talk, does consume a lot of valuable time. But talk is the only manner in which a subject can be thoroughly considered before decision is had. No lasting injury will ever befall popular government because of it.

## A SENSIBLE ACHIEVEMENT.

We do not know who it was that brought about the senatorial visit to the white house Friday. Whoever it was must possess a lot of practical common sense. A farce had been carried far enough. The national legislature and the country had a right to be informed concerning the physical condition of the head of state.

Nine weeks had elapsed since the president entered the white house a sick man. The country had never been advised frankly of his ailment. Nor had the various governmental agencies. All sorts of rumors and stories were bandied about, growing out of the secrecy surrounding the patient. No prominent individual was permitted to lay eyes upon the executive. One or two persons spoke for him on all subjects.

And in the meantime momentous questions were being passed upon, probably by the sick man, but possibly by some other. That was the very serious business that concerned vitally not only the senate members but the country as well. When the secretary of state frankly told the senate that he was handling the delicate situation with Mexico without being able to see or confer with the head of the government, the senate foreign relations committee acted with promptness and vigor. It is not particularly to the credit of the minority members of that important committee that they voted unanimously against asking for an interview with the executive.

But the notion carried, the committee was appointed and the interview granted. Senator Fall, the majority member of the visiting committee, reports the president confined to his bed, but showing every evidence of his mental ability to function as the head of the state. That settles that. The crop of ugly rumors and uglier suspicions has been harvested by an action so natural and simple and necessary that we can only wonder that it was so long deferred.

There remains wonderment that the president should have gone so long without himself asking for this; that he should not have called some member of his cabinet to his bedside—his secretary of state in particular—thus rendering the action of Friday unnecessary. That, however, can be attributed to the well known Wilson idiosyncrasies.

## MEXICAN PREPARATIONS.

The report that Mexico is receiving large numbers of German military planes, and that many former German officers of the air service have been engaged by the Mexican government, is entitled to very serious consideration by congress, no less because of the authority, Brigadier General Mitchell, than because of the possible consequences.

We feel sure pretty much everyone is tired of the German bugaboo. But the mere fact that the Mexican government is mobilizing an air force is of decided importance to the United States, regardless of where that air force comes from. For Mexico has but one possible use for an air force—to try it on the United States of America.

We had understood that Germany was thoroughly disarmed by the allies, so far as planes, battle ships and big guns are concerned. It is somewhat disconcerting to be told now that she is capable of furnishing enough war material to Mexico to cause cold shivers to run down the spine of Uncle Sam.

It is true that all other governments are expending vast sums for aerial armament and improvement. Our own country will be acting with its usual penny wise and pound foolish policy if it refuses to meet the reasonable demands of our military authorities for similar improvements and facilities.

A Muskogee gentleman got himself all scratched up by mildly observing a certain fifty feet worn as large as his own. What the matter with those Muskogee fellows—are they just plain fools?

That upper labor friends coming in of government by suggestion, but we have heard of no demerit being filed to him by infatuation.

"For coal or get out," says the governor. Advising governor, should always be positive. Make it, get in and dig out.

If the word "profits" should suddenly become a bad word, we should be inclined to think what would happen to a lot of people.

With all the trains being taken off its soon going to be difficult to spend any excess profits on railway fare.

## THE INDIANAPOLIS GRAND JURY.

Of course the action of Judge Anderson in unsealing a grand jury to investigate the coal situation will be bitterly condemned by those having something to fear. Just as hailing the strike leaders for contempt of court will be condemned. But unquestionably both actions were and are right.

There is a general belief, as The World has so often suggested, that the facts, the real underlying facts, in this controversy have never come to light. To use a homely old expression, "there's a nigger in the woodpile," and we use it with no disrespect for the colored race. A grand jury investigation, running whithersoever the trail leads, can be reasonably calculated to discover these facts and set them before the public.

It is significant that both operators and strike leaders are very much exercised over the grand jury investigation. It is doubly significant that a statement should be issued denying that "any of the operators have conspired with miners during the present year to restrict the operating time of the mines or limit the output of coal."

Why has made such a charge? Why the enthusiasm for denial before the charge has been formulated?

The government attorneys in charge of the investigation announce that the trial will be followed back as far as seems worth while. And there is more quivering. The operators hurry together in one meeting, while the strike leaders also hurry into conference.

All of these ugly rumors and suspicions can be laid only by a complete finding of the facts. This grand jury can and we believe will do. And while making no charges whatever, we are entirely prepared to learn that there has been connivance between operator and strike leader. If there has, then the public is entitled to the facts, and the mine workers who have been misled are entitled to the facts.

## LEAVING IT WHERE IT IS.

Senator Hitchcock, speaking for the president, explains that the president "has no intention of withdrawing the treaty from before the senate," his position being that having submitted the document to the senate his hands are clean.

"He is just going to let it stay where it is," explains the senator.

Then the country just dreamed that the president wrote a letter ordering his followers in the senate to attack the butchering carefully up to the hilt between the fourth and fifth rib?

But "leaving it where it is" will cause no uprising in those sections of the United States where Americanism still lives and flourishes, which area may be roughly bounded by the Dominion of Canada on the north, the Atlantic ocean on the east, the Gulf of Mexico and the so-called Mexican republic on the south and the Pacific ocean on the west.

But, Mr. President, there's no nourishment for the baby "where it is." Had you thought of that?

Oklahoma City presents seven reasons why it wants the federal reserve bank. Tulsa could give a score but one tells the story: It just wants it.

## Barometer of Public Opinion

### Interesting Question.

The American delegation to the Paris conference has signed a treaty of peace with Bulgaria. This document will presumably be submitted to the senate, which will then have to decide whether this interesting question: "How can two countries make peace without having been at war?"

—New York Tribune

### Good Pickers.

That so-called American party in picking tenacious Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts, and Ole Hanson of Seattle, as candidates for president and vice-president, respectively, shows that it is not asleep to the necessity of having names on a ticket that appeal to the imagination. —New York Herald.

### Newberry's Case.

The activity of the department of justice may appear strange to those who cannot recall any state election since the election of the Plymouth district, of the United States, and when that takes place the limit of the constitutional authority of the government is measured only by its physical ability to do.

May Government Defend Itself?

So that the complaints against the government's procedure in the labor controversy are not without foundation, it is a right to defend itself? It is not only the right but it is charged with the responsibility of doing so. Even those who criticize the procedure in the public mind and pretend to consider the proposition seriously, that the government does possess the right to suspend court processes and proceed according to the orders of the executive, and that it certainly would do so if the situation assumed that gravity where such action appeared to be necessary. That it has chosen to exercise its authority through the courts, and that the courts have refused the services of an impartial tribunal to adjust their differences with the mine operators, the issue ceased to be a private issue and became a public one in which the very warp and woof of each government and orderly procedure was involved. To have permitted the strike leaders to go on would have been to permit the suspension of the government of the military law.

Government did not appeal to the courts to work an injury on the coal miners. Nor by doing so did it take sides against them. Neither did it seek to prejudice the issue between the miners and the operators. Government acted to defend itself.

In defense of its own supremacy and government has been elected and elected to protect the citizenship of the public against the ruthless purposes of a minority that was blinded to its own obligations by a class-conscious selfishness.

If our home is burning you call out the department and exert your every effort to put out the flames. Afterwards, it is wisdom to discover the cause. When the fire has been extinguished, when the flames are no longer in danger of freezing, when industry has been resumed, and production is once normal, when the supremacy of the government has been asserted and recognized—then government may be relied on to discharge its obligation again—determine where justice is to be found in the dispute between the miners and the operators.

But until that time arrives, we think it will help some to understand that there is no limit to the lengths that government can go in to protect the lives and property in-

## SHAPING OF A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

World's Washington Bureau, Post Building.

By MAVERICK BRANDER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

The class have gathered tonight. From Maine to Texas and from the hills of the G. O. P. to prepare for the meeting which is to be held tonight Monday is of the 48 national committee men, who are to choose a convention city and make preparations for the coming campaign.

Then after listening to the more than a hundred of republicans from every section of the country. The south is better represented than ever before, and the southerners are attracting more attention. They are not the class of the "hull bent" for the G. O. P. Oklahoma, which, if it has not been southern in geography, has been southern in politics, has taken the lead in the G. O. P. and is said to be hankering to step still further. North Carolina is ready to listen to reason in the next campaign. Alabama came within a hair of being chosen as the site of a strongly democratic district. Editorial expression in Florida papers has caused some stirring of hope there.

Will H. Hays was smiling his usual smile, but he was not to be troubled by the other big party guns were waiting. Every arrival brought good news. The people are tired of waste, they are tired of meddling, and they are tired of a democratic administration. That was the word brought by close political observers. The discontent is rampant in the rock-bound New England states. It is malignant in the middle west. And where in all the wide world is there a man that combines these qualities other than Frank Lowden. And you wonder on figuring that it is a tie between Wood and Lowden. You talk a little while with the Harding men. "What's the matter with the Buckeye senator?" they ask you and after listening to them a little while you admit that as far as your own state is concerned, you are all the matter with him. Here is his record: A participant in the treaty fight who came out with his colors floating victoriously in the breeze, a related legislator and a man who has been more closely in touch with things for the last four momentous years than either General Wood or Governor Lowden, an eloquent speaker and a better campaigner than either one of them. And he comes from Ohio, the sector where the battle will be bitterest, for Ohio cast its vote for the democrats in 1916.

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